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	AB	4,805,602	02/21/1989	Puno et al.			
	AC	4,836,196	06/06/1989	Park et al.			
	AD	5,002,542	03/26/1991	Frigg			
	AE	5,011,484	04/30/1991	Breard			
	AF	5,092,866	03/03/1992	Bread et al.			
	AG	5,167,664	12/01/1992	Hodorek			
	AH	5,180,393	01/19/1993	Commarmond			
	AI	5,207,678	05/04/1993	Harms et al.			
	AJ	5,209,751	05/11/1993	Farris et al.			
	AK	5,219,349	06/15/1993	Krag et al.			

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	AP	EP 0 381 588 B2	03/05/2000	Breard et al.			Yes No
	AM	WO 02/24087	28/03/2002	Kalaitzis et al.			Yes No
	AN						Yes No
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	AP						Yes No

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	BD	5,363,841	11/15/1994	Coker			
	BE	5,486,174	01/23/1996	Fournet-Fayard et al.			
	BF	5,501,684	03/26/1996	Schlapfer et al.			
	BG	5,540,688	07/30/1996	Navas			
	BH	5,545,163	08/13/1996	Miller et al.			
	BI	5,562,737	10/08/1996	Graf			
	BJ	5,591,165	01/07/1997	Jackson			
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BQ	2	"Modulus System™: Fusion, Stabilization, or Augmentation", MEKANIKA: The Spinal Stabilization Company, http://www.mekanika.com/htm/modsystem.htm , November 15, 2003, (4 pages).
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	CB	5,707,372	01/13/1998	Errico et al.			
	CC	5,782,831	06/21/1998	Sherman et al.			
	CD	5,961,516	10/05/1999	Graf			
	CE	6,004,323	12/21/1999	Park et al.			
	CF	6,010,507	01/04/2000	Rudloff			
	CG	6,015,409	01/18/2000	Jackson			
	CI	6,017,345	01/25/2000	Richelsoff			
	CI	6,083,229	07/04/2000	Constantz et al.			
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CQ	3	Swanson, Kyle E., Lindsey, Derek P., Hsu, Ken Y., Zucherman, James F. and Yerby, Scott A., "The Effect of Interspinous Implant on Intervertebral Disc Pressures", SPINE, Vol. 28, No. 1, pp. 26-32, ©Lippincott, Williams & Wilkins, Inc., (9 pages).
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	DD	6,214,004	04/10/2001	Coker			
	DE	6,224,597	05/01/2001	Coker			
	DF	6,391,030	05/21/2002	Wagner et al.			
	DG	6,432,109	08/13/2002	Letendart et al.			
	DH	6,514,225	02/04/2003	Perce			
	DI	6,551,320	04/22/2003	Lieberman			
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	DQ	4	"WALLIS", Spine Next, Evoluer Autrement, http://www.spinext.com , (1 pages).
	DR	4	Senegas, Jacques, "Senegas System: Concept of Posterior Stabilisation: Mechanical Supplementation by Dynamic Fixation in Degenerative Intertebral Lumbar Segments: The Wallis System", (2 pages).
	DS	4	Suzuki, Kane, Mochida, Joji, Chiba, Masahiro and Kikugawa, Hisao, "Posterior Stabilization of Degenerative Lumbar Spondylolisthesis with a Leeds-Keio Artificial Ligament: A Biomechanical Analysis in a Porcine Vertebral Model", (10 pages).

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	ED	2002/0019637	02/14/2002	Frey et al.			
	EE	2002/0068937	06/06/2002	Kuntz			
	EF	2002/0103487	08/01/2002	Errico et al.			
	EG	2002/0138077	09/26/2002	Ferree			
	EH	2002/0165550	11/07/2002	Frey et al.			
	EI	2002/0183745	12/05/2002	Kuntz			
	EJ	2003/0004511	01/02/2003	Ferree			
	EK	2003/0028196	02/06/2003	Bonutti			
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EQ	5	Mochida, Joji, Suzuki, Kane, Chiba, Masahiro, "How to Stabilize a Single Level Lesion of Degenerative Lumbar Spondylolisthesis", Clinical Orthopaedics and Related Research, No. 368, pp. 126-134, ©Lippincott, Williams & Wilkins, Inc., (9 pages).					
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FQ	6	Hadlow, Simon, Fagan, Andrew, Terrence, Hillier and Fraser, Robert, "The Graf Ligamentoplasty Procedure: Comparison with Posterolateral Fusion in the Management of Low Back Pain", http://gateway2.ovid.com/ovidweb.cgi , May 20, 2003, (14 pages).
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	HS	1	Stoll, Thomas M., Dubois, Giles, Schwarzenbach, Othmar, "The Dynamic Neutralization System for the Spine: A Multi-Center Study of a Novel Non-Fusion System", European Spine Journal, http://link.springer-nv.com/link/service/journals/00586/contents/02/00438/paper/s00586-002 , (18 pages).

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	IQ	8	Freudiger, S., Dubois, G. and Lorrain, M., "Dynamic Neutralisation of the Lumbar Spine Confirmed on a New Lumbar Spine Simulator in Vitro", Arch Orthop Trauma Surg (1999): 119:127-132, ©Springer-Verlag -1999, (6 pages).
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